

While in the state legislature, I often met with school superintendents from my district. Even in a room surrounded by his peers, brilliant and committed educators who work against great odds to do the most important job in their communities, Steve Waterman stood out. His facile mind effortlessly navigated complex issues and his unassuming grace and quiet power built confidence in those around him.

Madam Speaker, Superintendent Waterman is retiring much too soon. I understand that he wants to spend more time with his delightful and engaging wife, Paulette, his sons, Kailin and Christian, and grandson, Granite. If I could, I would introduce legislation to force Stephen to keep working—maybe even require him to take on a few more school districts. But, alas, I can't do that. Instead, I can only wish him luck in his future endeavors and trust that his replacements can build on Stephen's achievements.

After growing up in Rochester, New York, Stephen received his Bachelor of Arts from Le Moyne University, a Master of Science from Southern Illinois, a Doctorate from Washington University in St. Louis and a Law Degree from the University of San Francisco. Throughout this time, he worked in virtually every job available in public education, from classroom teacher to program supervisor and eventually, superintendent.

Madam Speaker, every year, Congress debates and passes legislation to improve or enhance some aspect of public education. We do that because, unfortunately, it isn't possible to create more Stephen Watermans.

Throughout his life, Superintendent Waterman has empowered students with a love of learning. A man of his talents would excel in any field. But the world is a better place because he chose to devote his considerable intelligence, charm and energy to education.

For this, thousands of past and present students, their fortunate parents and the entire 12th Congressional District are eternally grateful.

TRIBUTE TO ANNE
D'HARNONCOURT (1943–2008)

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2008

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, the City of Philadelphia, its arts community and in fact all citizens who cherish our rich cultural environment are in mourning at the untimely loss of Anne d'Harnoncourt, Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Anne d'Harnoncourt was, as described by her countless friends and admirers, a world class leader of the arts who developed, led and leaves as her legacy a vibrant, world-class institution.

Director of the Museum since 1982 and the George D. Widener Director and Chief Executive Officer since 1997, she led the institution with greatness and grace, overseeing a massive project to reinstall all of the European collections in more than 90 galleries; renovation of 20 galleries of modern and contemporary art followed in 2000. Last September, another dream of hers was realized with opening of

the Ruth and Raymond G. Perelman Building, a neighboring landmark, with greatly expanded, state-of-the-art facilities for specialized Museum collections. As a special gift to the people of Philadelphia, this annex opened admission free for its first four months.

Anne d'Harnoncourt's fund raising prowess was legendary. She led the Museum through two major capital campaigns: the Landmark Renewal Fund, which raised \$64 million between 1986 and 1993; and the 2001 FUND 125th Anniversary Campaign which concluded in 2004, exceeding its goal and raising over \$246 million.

H. F. "Gerry" Lenfest, Chairman of the Art Museum Board of Trustees, offered the following comment to the media as the Museum broke the sad news: "Anne's death is a severe loss to our beloved Museum, to the world of art and to those who knew and loved her. I have never known a person with more human attributes: she was learned, a gifted speaker, had an effervescent personality, was a great director and, above all, a deeply caring person. We will miss her greatly."

It is important to note that Anne d'Harnoncourt's contributions and impact go far beyond the Art Museum's sturdy walls and its towering structure that overlooks the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, a thoroughfare described as Philadelphia's Champs Elysees. Under her leadership, the Art Museum has served as the anchor for arts, culture, music and civic celebration for all Philadelphians. The museum has become increasingly accessible to Philadelphia's diverse communities, both in its admissions policies, its community outreach and in its choice of showcase artists, such as the Henry Ossawa Tanner retrospective in the early 1990s that saluted the great Philadelphia raised African-American artist.

I was proud to have Anne d'Harnoncourt as a friend. I extend my condolences to her husband, Joseph J. Rishel, her legions of admirers and friends, and I urge my colleagues to join in honoring her memory.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SPECIALIST
QUINCY J. GREEN

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Specialist Quincy J. Green, who died on Monday June 2, 2008 of injuries sustained in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Specialist Green was killed in a non-combat related incident while operating in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Tikrit, Iraq. Specialist Green was assigned to Headquarters Company, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, United States Army in Fort Riley, Texas. He will not only be remembered for his sacrifice and willing service, but for the extraordinary person that he was. His warmth and optimism brightened the lives of his family and friends.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Specialist Quincy J. Green. Specialist Green made the ultimate sacrifice for his country while fighting the War on Terror and defending democracy and freedom.

HONORING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PHOENIXVILLE COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2008

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation as they celebrate their 10th anniversary of service to the greater Phoenixville community.

The Foundation began as the Phoenixville Health Care Corporation in 1997. After a year of tirelessly working to create a sustainable medical infrastructure and charitable services, the Board of Directors embraced the mission of creating a vision of community health for the Phoenixville region. The Board of Directors decided to change the name of the Phoenixville Health Care Corporation to the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation to reflect their desire to implement a community health approach. Since June of 1998, the Foundation has developed a strong presence in the greater Phoenixville community's health sector. Even as the Foundation expanded its operation, the Board of Directors ensured that the development of the Foundation was in keeping with their original mission and vision.

Currently, the Foundation is increasing its charitable services and working diligently to fulfill the medical needs of the Phoenixville residents. The Foundation has achieved its vision of "championing the needs of the community" and establishes new community health programs each year. The exemplary service of the Foundation was formally recognized in 2003 with the honorary distinction of "Outstanding Foundation in the Delaware Valley." The eventual sale of the Phoenixville Hospital added \$20.5 million to the Foundation and increased their total funding to \$48.5 million. Since 1998 the Foundation has issued over 1,600 grants to non-profit organizations in the Phoenixville community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the great men and women of The Phoenixville Community Health Foundation as they celebrate 10 years of protecting the health and wellness of Phoenixville area residents. The contributions and hard work of every member of the Foundation have strengthened Phoenixville's community health programs and ensured that the Foundation will be a cherished part of our community culture for many years to come.

BELLEVUE YOUTH LINK

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2008

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Bellevue Youth Link, the city of Bellevue and Bellevue Public Schools for their continued success in giving the youth in Bellevue a voice in the community and a wonderful opportunity to stay active in Bellevue and their respective neighborhoods.

Since 1990, Youth Link has served in Bellevue and Washington State's Eighth District as

a whole in wonderful ways—let me just list some of the recognition Youth Link has received in their 18 years of service:

Back in 1992, the National League of Cities awarded Youth Link an award for innovation and in 1994, the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission recognized Youth Link for excellence in Youth & Government Partnerships for their Bellevue Safe Rides program. The recognition has continued, as evidenced by 3 years—2006, 2007 and 2008—with Bellevue being recognized as one of the best communities in our Nation for young people.

The unprecedented efforts of people like Helena Stephens, the manager of Family, Youth and Teen Services, and Terry Smith, assistant Parks and Community Services director, do not go unnoticed and have forever altered the landscape of the Bellevue community. And the outstanding volunteerism and spirit of public service of the youth involved in Youth Link is truly inspirational and a perfect example of generations of Americans coming together to improve an already great community.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ TO RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL TO EXIST AND TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2008

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of legislation urging the Government of the Republic of Iraq to recognize the right of the State of Israel to exist and to establish diplomatic relations with Israel.

As Congress joins with the people of Israel to celebrate Israel's 60th anniversary, there are still many countries in the world which refuse to recognize our Middle Eastern ally's right to exist. Sadly, Iraq is one of them.

The United States has provided Iraq with nearly \$50 billion in security and economic assistance to date, none of which has been repaid. Yet despite this enormous amount of aid, the Government of Iraq refuses to recognize Israel, the most reliable ally of the United States in the Middle East. This isn't right.

Establishing ties with Israel would help Iraq grow. Since its birth in 1948, Israel has emerged as a worldwide leader and expert in the agricultural, medical, and technological fields. Israel has the ability to forge a unique partnership with Iraq which would greatly benefit from the skills and knowledge of the Israeli workforce. Trade between the two countries would also help Iraq build an economy that is vibrant and independent of the energy sector while helping to foster democracy in the heart of the Middle East. This will never happen, however, unless Iraq moves beyond the draconian rhetoric of the past and recognizes Israel's right to exist.

The resolution I am introducing today calls on the Government of Iraq to recognize Israel's right to exist and establish diplomatic relations with our Middle Eastern friend. My resolution also calls on Iraq and other states to work with Israel and the U.S. in fighting the

spread of extremism and terrorism throughout the world. Finally, the resolution urges the Administration to persuade Iraq and other countries to recognize Israel's right to exist.

I urge my colleagues to support this important resolution which encourages the Government of Iraq to finally recognize our great ally's right to exist. I call on the leadership of the House to support this resolution.

CONGRATULATING JIM FRANCE, RECIPIENT OF POCONO RACEWAY'S 2008 BILL FRANCE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2008

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to James C. France, vice chairman and executive vice president of NASCAR and chairman and CEO of International Speedway Corporation, who was named 2008 recipient of the Pocono Raceway's Bill France Award of Excellence.

This award has been presented annually since 1977 to the person, corporation or organization that has made outstanding contributions to the sport of NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Racing.

The award is dedicated to the inspiration of William H.G. France, founder of NASCAR and the father of this year's recipient.

Jim France grew up in the early years of stock car racing, living and learning every aspect of the sport from his own experience and from his father and brother.

Mr. France joined ISC in 1959, working in all phases of operations. He was elected to the ISC board in 1970 and has served as the company's secretary, assistant treasurer, vice president, chief operating officer and executive vice president before being named the company's president and chief operating officer in 1987. He was also named to the NASCAR board of directors in 2000.

France has been involved in motorsports most of his life. He has been a strong supporter of motorcycle racing in the United States, as evidenced by his professional involvement in the sport. He was active in Legends car racing and the Allison "Legacy" Car Series. He was BF Goodrich Legends Cars national tour champion in 1992 and had a good deal of success in the Gatorade Florida Legends Series.

He served as starter for the U.S. Motorcycle Grand Prix in the late 1960s, raced dirt track races for nearly five years and has been a member of the American Motorcyclist Association for more than 30 years. In addition, France has raced karts on both dirt and asphalt and he has served as a board member of the Automobile Competition Committee of the United States.

Dr. Joseph Mattioli, chairman and CEO of Pocono International Raceway, has stated that Mr. France was "a driving force behind NASCAR's success . . ." He added that he is proud to announce that Mr. France has been selected as this year's award recipient.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. France on this auspicious oc-

casión. Certainly, his lifelong commitment to the motorsport industry has had a tremendously positive economic impact for thousands of families in this great nation and has created a permanent place of honor for Jim France and the entire France family.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL MARK O'NEILL

HON. NANCY E. BOYDA

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2008

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I hope the House will join with me today to pay tribute to an exceptional General Officer in the United States Army, Brigadier General Mark O'Neill, upon his retirement from active military service.

General O'Neill's distinguished career spans over 30 years of service to our great Nation, culminating as Deputy Commandant of the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. A native of St. Louis, Missouri, he was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1978 after graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He has served in command and staff positions with the 82d Airborne Division, 10th Mountain Division, 25th Infantry Division, and the 3rd Infantry Division. He has commanded tactical units at the platoon, company, battalion and brigade level, and served as the Chief of Staff of the 10th Mountain Division. He has also served as Assistant Army Attaché in the Defense Attaché Office, American Embassy, Beijing, China, and as a strategic analyst on the Army Staff at the Pentagon. In addition to service during Operation Iraqi Freedom, General O'Neill has served during Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

In addition to attendance at numerous U.S. Army and Joint Force tactical courses and schools, General O'Neill is a graduate of the U.S. Army Foreign Area Officer's Course, the Defense Language Institute, and the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, where he earned a Master of Arts degree in National Security Affairs. He completed advanced Chinese language and area studies while assigned to the U.S. Defense Liaison Office in Hong Kong where he studied at the Beijing University School of Foreign Languages and the British Ministry of Defense Chinese Language School. General O'Neill is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, four awards of the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Combat Action Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab, and the Expert Infantryman's Badge.